

Jan. 18, 1917.

NEGRO WELFARE LEAGUE
249 Mulberry St., New York, N. J.

Present:- Mrs. G. H. Sherman, Mrs. Irene Mulford, Miss L. W. Mulford, Miss A. L. Brown, Emily B. Thomas, Rev. R. D. Brown, Rev. J.E.A. Johns, Mr. W. P. Burrell, Mrs. G.N. Richardson, Mrs. Oliver Greens, Mrs. Anna Beyers, Miss Robinson, Miss Pendleton, Mrs. Green, Rev. P. Beverley. *Mrs. S. H. Smith*
Mrs. C. G. Miller *Rev. R. B. Brown* *Mrs. J. H. Price*

A meeting was held on the above date to consider the needs of particular families and individuals brought to the attention of the Committee. Miss Pendleton called the meeting to order and stated the objects.

Mrs. Beyers made a motion which was duly seconded and carried, that a Committee of this nature be formed and reported to the General League for approval.

Mr. W.P. Burrell of East Orange proposed that the name of the Committee should be the Committee on Friendly Visiting, or the Friendly Visitors Committee.

It was generally approved that the ~~needs and~~ minutes of the Committee should be entirely confidential, and that in the discussions names be used as little as possible.

Mrs. W. J. Green was unanimously elected Chairman of the Committee and Miss Pendleton offered her services as Secretary for the present, until the Committee gets into working shape.

CASES BROUGHT UP FOR CONSIDERATION.

ADDENDUM. Mrs. Boysaw Price reports that both man and woman have been sick. They are living in wretched condition. The chimney is out of order and the stove exudes coal gas. Upon hearing that the woman has two children in the South, one a letter carrier in Atlanta and the other in Tampa, Florida it was suggested that Mrs. Price visit again and find out if they are willing to have these relatives written to. The man is an elderly man and they have been living in such poor ways since they came North that it hardly seems possible for them to get along without help. There is also a son living nearby and Mrs. Price will try to discover something about him. The daughter was sent to a place.

AY, Harriet. Miss Pendleton reports an elderly woman about 60 years old, from Marianna, Florida. She was the fourth wife of an old man who came up here a few weeks ago and died. Rev. Mr. Fleming's congregation buried him. The man had a grandson, Will Wilson, who is here. The woman has a sister Lucy Long and 2 brothers, Johnnie Harold and

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Nelson Harold who is a fireman in a Planing Mill. If she does not get satisfactory work she wishes to go home. She went today to a place with Dr. Tirico, Montclair. It was thought best to take a friendly interest in her as the place may not prove suitable.

DONALD, Raphael, Miss A. L. Brown reports that she visited St. Michael's Hospital and found Raphael McDonald delighted to learn that his people had written about him. He wishes to return home. The Associated Charities have written to his mother and will report at the next meeting if an answer is received. Meanwhile Miss Brown will keep in touch with the hospital and see that the boy does not come out with no place to go. It is hoped that he can go directly from the hospital to the South.

OWARD, Miss Brearly of the Associated Charities was asked to report on the Howard family. The man was taken ill with pneumonia before Christmas. The wife and two children are anxious to go home and the man willing to have the Associated Charities send his wife and children home, but this was refused because it was thought best that the family should not be separated. The man got work at Skillman, N. J. but left his family destitute here in Newark. The Associated Charities sent for him to come home. He refused to take outside work and refused to come home. His employers write that he was always intoxicated. The Conference suggested that this was a very difficult problem and it would be unwise for them to give this man encouragement that his family will receive help if he does not work and support them.

Members present who heard about conditions were asked to refer all applications for relief to the Associated Charities. Miss Brearly will continue to keep a friendly oversight.

HEFFIELD, Miss Robinson reports ten in family; three in bed and three just up. Mother in delicate condition. Husband has been ill several weeks. Only income from oldest boy working for Penn. R.R. at \$2 a day. Came from Eldorado, Georgia, Decatur Co. Have 6 rooms, 4 entirely dark for which they pay \$19.50. No clean bedding. Everything very dirty. One lamp, one chair, one table. The woman is very responsive and since Miss Robinson has been visiting has had a chance to do some washing and get what little she has clean. Everybody present was asked to look out for proper rooms for this family.